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SUBJECT: DAYAN'S QUERY ON "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS"

REF: JERUSALEM 617

1. WE ASSUME YOU PLAN TO CONVEY TO EGYPTIANS DAYAN'S QUERY (PARA 7 REFTEL) REGARDING WHAT IS MEANT BY THE PHRASE "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS." WHILE WE LEAVE THE HANDLING TO YOU, WE HAVE SOME COMMENTS WHICH MAY BE OF SOME USE.

2. YOU WILL RECALL THAT L DID A BRIEF MEMO IN JANUARY AND, WORKING FROM RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS, CONCLUDED ONE DEFINITION OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS MIGHT BE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN DETERMINATION OF THEIR OWN FUTURE PLUS THE RIGHT TO RETURN OR COMPENSATION EMBODIED IN UN RESOLUTIONS. YOU WILL RECALL, ALSO, THAT THE SECRETARY AT JERUSALEM

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SUGGESTED THAT THE UN DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS MIGHT PROVIDE A DEFINITION. YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE BOTH THESE IN MIND IN TALKING WITH THE EGYPTIANS.

3. WE ANTICIPATE EGYPTIANS MAY COME UP WITH A VERY EXPANSIVE DEFINITION WHICH YOU MIGHT FIND IT UNDESIRABLE TO SURFACE WITH DAYAN IN A LAST VISIT TO JERUSALEM AND ON

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THE EVE OF THE BEGIN VISIT. YOU MIGHT WANT, THEREFORE, SIMPLY TO ASK THE EGYPTIANS TO EXPAND ON THEIR DEFINITION OF THE PHRASE TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND IT BUT WITHOUT EXPLICITLY UNDERTAKING TO CONVEY IT TO ISRAELIS. THIS WOULD LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER TO DEFER A RESPONSE TO DAYAN'S QUERY UNTIL A MORE PROPITIOUS TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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